delivery on the next day [*See* Appendix 193, Annexure No. 2]. 13 registered letters were delivered and six have been returned to the senders as per the remarks enclosed in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 193, Annexure No. 3]

Opening of Post Office at Begana in Orissa

201. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government will consider opening of a post office at Begana in Korai Block in the district of Jajpur in taking Dhananpur, Vehinda, Ranhserpur, Mreaturjupur, Malari, as its area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): Opening of a post office at village Begana in Korai Block in the district of Jajpur has been examined and found not justified under the existing population norm for opening of new post office laid down by the Department.

Celluler Services in Andhra Pradesh

202. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the programme in regard to providing telephones to each and every district of Andhra Pradesh and also for providing cellular telephone services on C-DoT technology by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): It is planned to clear the present waiting list by March, 2002, subject to availability of resources either by WLL or from the wireline telecom network. The waiting list as on 1.4.01 is 1,31,095 while it was 3.5 lakhs on 1.4.2000.

The broad targeted plan for the Andhra Pradesh Circle is as below.The district-wise details are under finalisation.

Items	Target	Large	Small & Medium
DELs	5,30,000		
(A) Wired lines	3.55 Lakhs	1,15,000	2,40,000
(B) WLL lines	1.844 Lakhs (WLL 0.564 Lakhs& CMTS 1.28 Lakh)		

Under the Pilot Project of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) cellular telephone services are planned for 12000 lines covering 9 cities of Andhra Pradesh:- (1) Hyderabad, (2) Vijayawada, (3) Vishakhapatnam, (4) Guntur, (5) Tirupathi, (6) Kakinada, (7) Amalapuram, (8) Warrangal, (9) Rajahmundry.

In addition Indian Mobile Personal Communication System (IMPCS) Main Project tender floated covers 85 additional cities of Andhra Pradesh with 4,13,600 lines.

FDI in Telecom Sector

203. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been no FDI in telecom sector during the last eight months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken for increasing FDI in telecom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir. The total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) received during the last eight months (from September, 2000 to April, 2001) is 651.3 crores, which is 3.47 times the FDI inflow in the corresponding period (from September, 99 to April, 2000 the FDI inflow was Rs. 187.46 crores).

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.